

c2 score lines 12 extending along curve 13 to a predetermined area below the zipper assembly 20 for substantially the entire width of the reclosable bag 100 facilitating removal of the hood or fold structure 11 and exposure of the zipper structure 20a. The embodiment of Figure 5 further including a hermetic seal 40. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

c3 -- Referring now to Figure 8, a cross-sectional view of the embodiment of Figures 5 and 6 may be seen. In particular, the integral skirt 16, usually comprised of two strips on pieces of plastic film or a one-piece unit of continuous film, may be seen to have its outside surface 19 sealed hermetically to the inside surfaces 36a and 35a at respective hermetic seals 40a and 40. Additionally, a peelable seal 50 is located at the bottom of the skirt 16. Any standard commercially known resealable adhesive 51 may be used to make the peel seal 50. The peel seal 50 may also be a hermetic seal 40b.--

In the claims:

Please amend claim 41 as follows:

c4 Claim 41 (amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material having a propensity to tear along at least two predetermined tear areas; having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two tear areas, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said two tear areas and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said two tear areas and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

Please cancel claims 63 - 74, inclusive.